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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/931,373)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A)
FUEL TANK ISOLATION VALVE)

Group Art Unit: 3753

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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of co-pending applications and the references cited in those co-pending applications are cited on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached forms.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents is material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior


art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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